



## Observer report for Odesa Riichi Open 2020 (RCR, MERS 1)

**Observer:** Maksym Ivanov

**Date:** August, 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Place:** Marenero hotel, Odesa, Ukraine

**Website:** <https://www.odesariichi.com>

**Participants:** 16 players: 14 from Ukraine, 1 from Belarus, 1 from Moldova.

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 4+4 rounds of 90 minutes.

**Playing room:** had plenty of space for 4 playing tables and a tea/snacks table.

**Equipment:** Sturdy homogeneous tables, common Riichi sets and junk-mats; marker whiteboard for noting table unlock codes while saving on paper usage.

**Digital support:** With the help and assistance of the [Mahjong Tracker](#) team, we employed electronic scorekeeping app, bringing joy of convenience to the players and organizers, and further cutting down the paper usage of our event.

**Refereeing:** Maksym Ivanov was playing referee. 4 chombo, as well as several dead hands from undone "Ron" calls, have been handled by players without referee intervention. In one instance, a timely-noticed kuikae attempt by a novice player has been reverted without punishment per referee decision.

**Replacement players:** One registered participant could not arrive at the event. Two local replacement players were substitutes in a rotating fashion (half-day each).

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Player seating, hanchan clock and intermediate results were available via the Mahjong Tracker app.

**Catering:** Marenero hotel cafe provided breakfast and lunch.

**Prizes:** Nameplated prize cup for 1<sup>st</sup>; winner certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>; trophy certificates for select achievements.

**Winner:** Varvara Kulgaeva (Belarus), 17 y.o.

**Complaints:** None.

**Conclusion:** Well-organised, friendly and enjoyable tournament.